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JUDGE AND JACK TAR.

It's like this here, your Honor, see!

As near as I can tell,

A gentleman hired my boat, and he

Was quite a proper swell.

He brought a lady down with him

To make a longish trip.

And so we scrubbed her thoroughly—

Judge—The lady?

Tar—No, the ship.

Well, cutting off my story short

To come to what befell,

We started, but not back to port,

Which much annoyed the well.

She fell between two waterways

And got a nasty nip.

Soverieged her out with brand new staves.

Judge—The lady?

Tar—No-o, the ship.

At last we put to sea again

And started for the west.

All spick and span without a stain,

When all at once, I'm blest,

Her blooming time was misplaced,

Which quite upset the trip.

The water washed around her waist—

Judge—The lady?

Tar (nodding)—And the ship's!

That's all, I think, your Honor; now

I'll state to you my claim.

Five hundred dollars, you'll allow,

Won't build her up the same.

Her rig's gone, her nose is broke,

Her flag I've had to dip.

She's lying now upon the mud—

Judge—The lady?

Tar—No-o, the ship!

—Henry B. Coraish, in St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM IN

POLITICS.

It is openly charged that since

Governor Montague, while yet At-

torney-General, became a candidate

for the governorship, the public

school system of this State has been

made, so far as he could make it, a

political machine.

Every well informed politician in

Virginia knows that Montague has

used and abused the power of ap-

pointment of county and city school

superintendents for the upbuilding

of his own political fortunes.

In his fight against Swanson for

the governorship, Montague used his

power over the county school super-

intendents to place in office men

as ever Rosa Crockett did in the

municipal officials of the State of

New York.

The sole question four years ago

was whether the applicant for the

position of a county or city superin-

tendent was a Montague man. If he

was not a Montague man he stood no

show, no matter what were his ser-

vices or his recommendations. There

are not wanting indications that

Montague is trying the same game

now.

Portsmouth Star charges that the

incumbent of the office at Port-

smouth, who was endorsed by Port-

smouth, was turned down and a Mon-

teague beeler appointed, who was en-

dorsed by no one in Portsmouth.

We print the Star's remarks below.

We do not know a more criminal

or dastardly thing than turning our

public school system into a political

machine. But this is Montagueism.

The following from the Port-

smouth Star, in which the Fredericks-

burg Star refers:

THE DEATH OF MONTAGUEISM.

(From Portsmouth Star.)

In discussing the appointment of

Mr. Joseph H. Saunders to the su-

perintendency of the public schools

of Portsmouth, we wish to do so with

the personal equation left out.

Compared with the import for evil

which the circumstances attending

Mr. Saunders' appointment portend,

the discussion of this matter from

the standpoint of personal prefer-

ences would be the idlest waste of

time and words. And what are

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Many are willing to give the Lord

seed corn if only they can have a

mortgage on the crop.

A dog lives on the average from

ten to twelve years, a cat nine to

ten years, a rabbit about seven, a squirrel

or about eight and a fox about

fourteen to sixteen years.

Whether it is best to have target

practice off the coast by our naval

vessels, or to foster and preserve the

shining industry, is a question now

before the Naval and Commerce and

Labor Departments. It is found

that the target practice drives away

the fish and protests against it have

been submitted.

The most efficient burden-bearers

of the world today are vegetarians.

The Turkish longshoremen, perhaps

the most powerful bipeds of the

planet (except the gorilla), are life-

long vegetarians. So also are largely

the peasantry of Russia, Italy, Ger-

many, and even of Norway and

Sweden, away from the sea-coast.

The intrepid Bedouin, the dauntless

Japanese, and the Chinese coolies are

all vegetarians.

One of the leading commercial

magnates in New York said the

other day: "Every month, there is

poured into Wall Street brokers' of-

fice \$30,000,000 by the people

throughout the country, who are

anxious to pick up a little something

for nothing on a quick gamble. Of

this vast sum more than 50 per cent

clings to the brokers' fingers, and

the rest only to be sent to the Street

again with dribbles back to the in-

vesting suckers, an additional sum

being the honored name of

Montague.

It is not an inspiring sight to see

the chief executive repudiating all

precedents and denouncing his

worthy antagonist on every stump.

With two such men as Martin and

Montague, Virginia has a right to

expect something better than a per-

sonal canvass.

Senator Martin deserves the

thanks and the votes of all who are

not bound by promises, for not im-

itating Mr. Montague's new style, as

he deserves endorsement for the re-

cord he has made. If he is a Mar-

tin department runner, then let us

more of the same kind in both

houses of Congress, for in this age

it is the worker who secures the re-

sults most needed.

In spite of Senator Daniel's rep-

udition and sympathy with those

who would have it appear that Sen-

ator Martin claims the senior Sen-

ator's work as his own, Governor

Montague is constantly repeating the

charge.

This "New Style" of his is play-

ing right into the hands of Senator

Martin, and the gentleman may

well content himself with the effect

it is the people that deplore such a

course, so far beneath his name and

office. However delightful his or-

atory may be, it is not by such means

that his highest attainments are

made. His highest attainments are

nothing, when contrasted with the

persistent work, backed by influence

used on those who hold the power.

His having the private ear in

which to pour convincing facts at

the proper time, and in private, when

the time is ripe to digest—that

brings about favorable action, par-

ticularly when dealing with an ad-

verse administration.

Governor Montague's "New Style"

is not relieved by the right-minded

public, and he should drop it as be-

ing entirely unworthy of both or

man.

OLD-TIME

POINTS FOR SMOKERS.

(From the Medical Review.)

Very few people are aware how

much harm is done to young men

by the almost universal habit of cig-

arette-smoking. The man who smokes

cigarettes has one always in his

mouth, and is continually inhaling

nicotine until the system is saturated

with the poison.

The result of this practice is a

catarrh of the condition of the nose,

throat and bronchial, and a very

irritable state of the nerves, a

weak and rapid action of the heart

and digestion.

Thin, anemic, weak, with clammy

hands stained with nicotine poison,

unstrung nerves and degenerated

muscles, the youth of the land is

ignorantly suffering the consequences

of a pernicious habit until attacks

of heart trouble, nervous prostration,

melancholia, etc., bring their con-

dition to the attention of the physician.

If a man smokes—and he

smokes—the habit of the habit to

those who have become accustomed